

Phase 2 of the Service's Tracking and Integrated Logging System

(TAILS)
is due for release
October 1, 2006

Since the start of Fiscal Year 2006, many Ecological Services Field Offices (ESFOs) have been using **TAILS** to log, track and report-out on their office 'Activities' within three core modules:

- Section 7 Consultation Activities
- Advance Planning: Federal Activities
- Contaminant Activities

TAILS is a grass roots-developed system that has involved dozens of field staff in the **User Acceptance Team** who have guided the Management Team towards devising a system that fills the day-to-day operational

Welcome to TAILS!

Where would you like to start?

Bundles

Existing Bundles

New Bundles

Section 7

Existing Consultation

New Consultation

Advance Planning - Federal Activities

Existing Federal Activity

New Federal Activity

Contaminant Activities

Existing Contaminant Activity

New Contaminant Activity


Other

Reports

Customization

needs of ESFOs including easy data entry, flexible yet consistent content, effective and responsive search tools, robust ready-made and ad-hoc reporting capabilities, strong Geographic Information System (GIS) links and thorough document tracking capabilities. All on a secure and backed-up system supported by the Service.

Beginning with FY 2007, all ESFOs are required to use TAILS to log Federal Activities

 U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Tracking And Integrated Logging System

Bundles | **Section 7** | **Federal Activities** | **Contaminants** | **Reports** | **Customization**

20120-2006-10007 Power poles on Laguna Pueblo / Reservation

Consultation
Start New
Search
Summary
Location Summary
Print Consultation

Edit
Core Information
Details
Bundles
Contacts
Location
References
Biological Conclusion
Update Hours
Other Office
Permissions

Events
Add Event
Edit Event
Event Report By Date
Event Report By Type

Operations
Re-Initiate
Start New Federal
Activity
Start New Contaminant
Activity
Withdraw
Missing Required Data
Delete

Core Information

Office: ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR-
ECOLOGICAL SERVICES

Fiscal Year: 2006

Consultation Title: Power poles on Laguna Pueblo / Reservation

Consultation Description: Proposed placement of new power poles and electric lines on Laguna Indian Lands

ActionWork Types: Transmission Line - Electrical - New Constr - Above Ground
AGRICULTURE
Agriculture - Conc Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO)
Agriculture - CAFO - Cattle
Agriculture - CAFO - Hogs
M/M/R/U = Maintenance / Modification / Replacement / Upgrade

Select Bundle: -- None --

Consultation Type: Informal Consultation **change**

Consultation Complexity: Standard

Species: Pecos leopards -spandus surdower (Hemidius pardus)
Pecos asinineas snail (Assiminea pecos)
Pecos bluntnose shiner (Notropis simus pecosensis)
Pecos gambusia (Gambusia nobilis)

Staff Lead: Sarah Rinkovich

Staff: Catherine Liller
Debra Montano
Patricia Zenone

Lead Agency: Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

Other Lead Agency:

Supporting Agencies: Pueblo of Laguna, New Mexico
Pueblo of Nambé, New Mexico
Pueblo of Picuris, New Mexico
Pueblo of Pojoaque, New Mexico

Other Supporting Agencies:

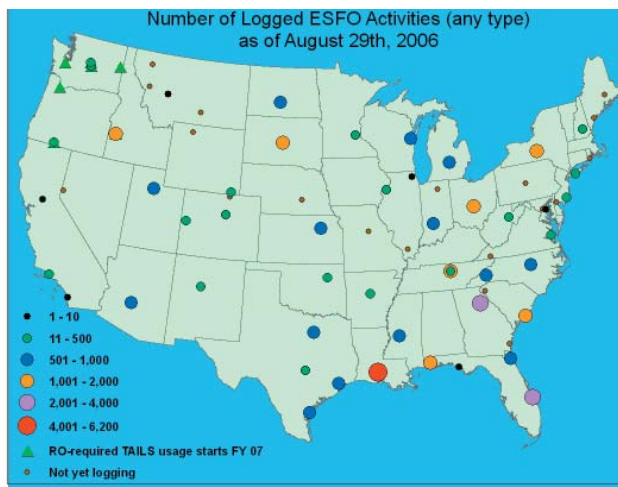
In addition, **TAILS** addresses the resource allocation and project management needs of ESFOs and their respective Regional Office.

TAILS allows Field and Regional Offices to understand, at any moment, the Activities

they are performing; including which kinds of Activities are being performed, which staff members have been working on each Activity and for how long, which kinds of actions are occurring on the ground, where they are occurring, which species and habitats are being evaluated and affected (and how much), which action agencies are involved, when an Activity started, how long until it is due, what the Service decision/position was, when that decision was made and much, much more.

TAILS, along with dedicated logging facilitates audit success, develops desirable business process controls, benefits records management, reduces response times to Action Agency and public inquiries, eases analytic work loads and can improve general office efficiencies. The system can also assist in; predicting staff resource requirements, reducing redundant and unnecessary logging and reporting, and allowing staff to quickly gain access to necessary documents.

TAILS is designed so that each ESFO can customize the web-based interface to suit their Office's needs by allowing them to define, specifically for their Office; which data fields will be visible or required, which items will appear in their picklists (e.g., species, counties, staff names, etc) and the level of detail to which they will log certain information such as location, staff

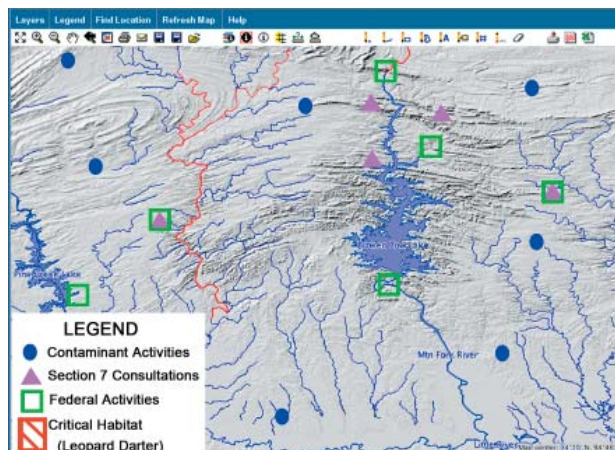


hours and species 'take'. **TAILS** is highly customizable to the varied business process needs and logging desires of each ESFO while maintaining a Nationally consistent data model schema.

TAILS may be used to store, retrieve and share, with other targeted Service offices, the logged information as well as any electronic documents associated with them. Users may also choose to record detailed, time-specific sub-Activity 'Events' such as individual phone calls, site visits or correspondence exchanges and to virtually group associated Activities into organizing 'Bundles' quickly and easily.

FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) responses and Administrative Records may be generated from the system with minimum additional effort. Additionally, ESFOs may use **TAILS** to accurately track species impacts, easily visualize and understand

spatial associations via the interactive web-based mapper; turning on and off supporting map layers such as roads, land ownership, refuge locations, etc., as well as zooming in and out of the map display or using other powerful mapping tools, and be well prepared to evaluate and protect trust resources. Alternately, mapped Activities may be easily exported to a GIS for additional spatial evaluation.



Robust search and report tools allow users to quickly access logged Activities and get well organized, targeted reports which may be viewed on-line or exported to pdf or spreadsheet formats to extend the viability and utility of these data.

Search Criteria		
Fiscal Year	Greater Than	2000
Agency (Lead or Supporting)	Contains	Forest Service
Species	Contains	Owl
Staff (Lead or Supporting)	Contains	Jones
<input type="button" value="add another"/>		
<input type="button" value="Search"/>		

TAILS has also been designed to afford direct end-of-year and 'as needed' reporting to the Washington Office. **Government Performance Results Act (GPRA)** values may be previewed throughout the year and used directly for end-of year reporting needs. These values are based simply on data entered by the ESFOs throughout the reporting period, bypassing any need for additional field staff hours to compile these necessary data in a scramble at the end of the year. Computing the values in this way assures more consistent, timely and verifiable reporting.

ARIZONA ECOLOGICAL SERVICES FIELD OFFICE 2006 GPRA Preview - Section 7 Consultations

Measure Number	Measure Description	Measure Value
S7.1.1.1a	# informal consultations conducted or technical assistances provided	547
S7.1.1.1b	# total informal consultations initiated	338
S7.1.1.1c	# total informal consultations completed in a timely manner	211
S7.1.1.1d	# total informal consultations completed	283
S7.1.1.1e	% informal consultations completed in a timely manner	75%
S7.1.1.2a	# informal consultations conducted or technical assistances provided for Energy projects	16
S7.1.1.2b	# total informal consultations for Energy projects initiated	19
S7.1.1.2c	# total informal consultations for Energy projects completed in a timely manner	8
S7.1.1.2d	# total informal consultations for Energy projects completed	11
S7.1.1.2e	% informal consultations for Energy projects completed in a timely manner	73%

For more information

Including requests for training and
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